Claims

What is claimed is:

1.   1.   A method of managing connections between clients
2   and servers of a distributed computing environment, said
3   method comprising:

4   determining, by a client of said distributed
5   computing environment, that a server coupled to said
6   client, via a communications protocol that lacks
7   individualized timeouts for individual components of
8   said distributed computing environment, is unavailable
9   to process requests for said client, wherein said
10   server is a member of a group of a plurality of
11   replicated servers; and

12   connecting said client to another replicated
13   server of said group, wherein servers of said group
14   lack knowledge of application-level information of a
15   communication session of said client.

1   2.   A system of managing connections between clients
2   and servers of a distributed computing environment, said
3   system comprising:

4   means for determining, by a client of said
5   distributed computing environment, that a server
6   coupled to said client, via a communications protocol
7   that lacks individualized timeouts for individual
8   components of said distributed computing environment,
9   is unavailable to process requests for said client,
10   wherein said server is a member of a group of a
11   plurality of replicated servers; and

12   means for connecting said client to another
13   replicated server of said group, wherein servers of
14   said group lack knowledge of application-level
15   information of a communication session of said client.

1   3.   At least one program storage device readable by a

2 machine, tangibly embodying at least one program of

3 instructions executable by the machine to perform a method

4 of managing connections between clients and servers of a

5 distributed computing environment, said method comprising:

6   determining, by a client of said distributed

7   computing environment, that a server coupled to said

8   client, via a communications protocol that lacks

9   individualized timeouts for individual components of

10   said distributed computing environment, is unavailable

11   to process requests for said client, wherein said

12   server is a member of a group of a plurality of

13   replicated servers; and

14   connecting said client to another replicated

15   server of said group, wherein servers of said group

16   lack knowledge of application-level information of a

17   communication session of said client.

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